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Election of a member to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 17th plenary meeting in 2016, held on 5 April, the Economic and Social Council elected seven members to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2017 (see Council decision 2016/201 D).

2. In a note verbale dated 27 July 2018 from the Chair, Asia-Pacific States, the Secretariat was informed that one elected member of the Permanent Forum, Seyed Mohsen Emadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), had resigned from his seat.[1] In the same note verbale, the Secretariat was informed of the endorsement of Javad Safaei (Islamic Republic of Iran) as a member of the Permanent Forum. The term of office would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2019.

3. Biographical information on the candidate is set out in the annex to the present note.

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[1] In further correspondence with the Chair, Asia-Pacific States, the Secretariat was informed that Mr. Emadi's resignation was effective from 2 May 2018.

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Annex

Biographical information on a candidate for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues*

Mr. Javad Safaei (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Born in 1962. Graduated from the School of International Relation (Tehran), then from Tehran University in Iran.

Current Position

Senior Advisor to Vice-Minister for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Iran

Work experience

- 2014–2018 First Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations, New York
- 2010–2014 Director, Department of Multilateral Political Affairs
- 2006–2010 Permanent Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations, New York
- 1996–2001 Member of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the UNESCO, Paris
- 1991–1996 Deputy Director, Department for the United Nations and International Specialized Agencies
- 1989–1990 Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office in Geneva
- 1986–1989 Department for the United Nations and International Specialized Agencies

Following graduation from the School of International Relations in Tehran, Mr. Safaei joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department for the United Nations and International Specialized Agencies as expert on multiple issues, dealing with a number of international organizations such as the UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, IMO, FAO, WFP and UNESCO.

He served as Deputy Director of the Department for the United Nations and International Specialized Agencies for more than a decade dealing with wide range of issues including those related to refugees and migrants, health, children, culture, education, and science from a policy perspective in multilateral and multicultural environments.

During his almost three decades of service at the Foreign Ministry, he has been assigned to Iran's Permanent Mission to the United Nations office in Geneva (1989–1990), and Permanent Mission in New York (2006–2010 and 2014–2018) and to the UNESCO in Paris (1996–2001).

His experience with UNESCO is marked with the international negotiations on three major international instruments in the field of cultural rights namely: Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions; and the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Publications

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- An introduction to International Protection of Cultural Rights, Hamshahri Daily, Tehran, 2006.